

May 21
2017

SIXTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

JESUS SAID,
"I WILL ASK THE FATHER, AND HE WILL
GIVE YOU ANOTHER ADVOCATE
TO BE WITH YOU ALWAYS,
THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH."

John 14:16-17

Christ the King Catholic Church

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Daily Masses:
Monday-Friday,
8:00 am

Saturday Masses:
8:00 am & 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses:
7 am, 8 am, 9:15 am,
10:45 am, 12:15 pm,
6:00 pm

CONFESSIONS:
Saturday: 3:30 pm
to 4:30 pm

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Upcoming Mass Intentions

Sunday, 5/21

- **FESTIVAL, 10 am - 2:00 pm**
- No CLOW/No RE

Monday, 5/22

Tuesday, 5/23

- Perpetual Help Devotion, Church 7 pm
- Knights of Columbus, Min. Ctr 7 pm

Wednesday, 5/24

- St. Vincent de Paul, Min. Ctr 7 pm

Thursday, 5/25

- Centering Prayer, Min. Ctr 10 am

Friday, 5/26

Saturday, 5/27

- Men's Fellowship, Chapel 7:30 am
- Secular Franciscans, Min. Ctr 9 am

Sunday, 5/28

- **Confirmation Mass, 6 pm**

5/22 8 am - Stephanie Evangelista

5/23 8 am - Ben Heyer

5/24 8 am - John Macaluso+

5/25 8 am - Bien Iglesias+

5/26 8 am - Sandra Figone+

Saturday, 5/27

8 am - John Macaluso+

5 pm - Terry Ruff

Sunday, 5/28

7 am - Amparito Borromeo Guilatco+

8 am - Vincent Iorfida+

9:15 am - John & Gertrude Serpa+

10:45 am - Sylvia Garcia+

12:15 pm - Aleli Gonzales+

6:00 pm - CTK Parishioners



Dear Friends,
 Pope Francis made history when he declared that Francisco Marto and his sister Jacinta are saints at the shrine of Fatima on May 13. Francisco and Jacinta are the first child saints who are not martyrs in the history of the church. Francisco, Jacinta and their cousin Lucia are buried here side by side in the basilica. Before

Mass, Francis prayed in silence at the tombs of the three shepherd children. When Jacinta's body was exhumed before being brought here, 15 years after her death, it was found to be totally incorrupt. Because of this, the local bishop asked Lucia, by then a contemplative nun, to write the memoirs of Jacinta and Francisco, detailing the extraordinary events that have so powerfully impacted the lives of believers ever since.

Lucas Batista Maeda de Mourao, a ten-year-old Brazilian boy who was miraculously cured through the intercession of Francisco and Jacinta, was here for the canonization. Four years ago, he fell from the window of his grandfather's home and suffered such serious brain damage. As his distraught father picked him up off the sidewalk to take him to the hospital, he invoked the intercession of Our Lady, Francisco, and Jacinta. That same night he and a local community of Carmelite nuns prayed to the two young seers to intercede with God to cure the boy. Some days later, to the amazement of the doctors, the young boy got up and walked home completely cured. Last February, the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of Saints concluded unanimously that his cure could not be scientifically explained. Francis recognized his cure as the miracle that opened the door to their canonization. The pope embraced and kissed Lucas tenderly when he brought up the offertory gifts. (From America Magazine)

The pope urged the pilgrims to use the example of Francisco and Jacinta to draw strength. The local authorities threatened the siblings with death by boiling oil if they didn't recant their story. But they held fast, and eventually the church recognized the apparitions as authentic in 1930.

Next Sunday, we have Bishop Barber at CTK confirming over 50 young people at the Teen Mass. In my interviews with the Teens a week ago, most of them confided in me that the one gift they would ask the Holy Spirit would be "fortitude." St. Thomas Aquinas ranked fortitude as the third of the cardinal virtues, because it serves the higher virtues of prudence and justice. Fortitude is the virtue that allows us to overcome fear and to remain steady in our will in the face of all obstacles, physical and spiritual. Prudence and justice are the virtues through which we decide what needs to be done; fortitude gives us the strength to do it. Fortitude is the gift of the martyrs who give up their lives rather than renounce their faith. Fortitude is the one virtue that allowed Francisco and Jacinta to overcome fears and speak the truth of their faith experience. Our Teens inspired me with their understanding of the Catholic faith as well as their willingness to step forward in ministry after confirmation.

I take pride in our Confirmation Team that has done an amazing job with our young people. I am grateful to Helen Christian and Rick Lejano and the many Teachers and Teen Leaders who have made our confirmation program an experience of the heart. In an age where many of the young people, and possibly their parents as well, view Confirmation as a graduation ceremony instead of an important milestone in their continuing journey as Catholics and followers of Christ, for our young people who will be sealed with the Holy Spirit, it is a launching pad to a further deepening of their faith as well as greater engagement with the Church.

Paulson

Sixth Sunday Of Easter

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8,14-17

Last week we heard how the Christian assembly in Jerusalem chose seven of their number to minister to the Greek-speaking Christians who lived there. One was Philip. Today we find him in Samaria, about 60 miles north of Jerusalem, fearlessly proclaiming the good news of Jesus and experiencing astounding results.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

The first letter of Peter was written to Christians whose pagan neighbors continually questioned and ridiculed them about their faith. Since most of the Christians were low-born or slaves, their opponents couldn't understand why they were so joyful and hopeful. Today's passage offers pastoral advice and encouragement.

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Searching for a spiritual home? Our 4-week, “no strings” Inquiry Series begins on Thursday, May 25. Ideal for learning about the Catholic faith and for adult Catholics, who have not completed their Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. For more information, contact Al Garrotto (algarrotto@comcast.net).

Save the date for the 21st annual Monsignor Wade Golf Tournament - Monday,



September 11th at Oakhurst Country Club. Single golfer \$195/ foursome \$780. There are also sponsorship opportunities available at multiple levels. For more information contact our Tournament Chair, Leo Lopoz at golf@ctkschool.org.

This year’s **Quo Vadis Camp** is on July 9-12 at the Oakland Diocesan Youth Retreat House in Lafayette. Quo Vadis Camp aims to assist young men to recognize and respond to their own vocation invitation from our Lord and grow in their relationship with Christ. There will be priests, seminarians, and other young men gathered with activities including a great deal of fun, prayer, games, music and talks. Please contact Neil Clemens at 510-267-8345 or Cielo Branco at cbranco@oakdiocese.org for more information and registration.



Christ the King has teamed up with **Car Donation Services, Inc.** to provide you with an easy way to donate a vehicle, whether it is running or not! Car Donations Services, located in Martinez, have been helping local charities since 1990 and will take care of every aspect of your car donation, allowing you peace of mind that the transaction will be completed efficiently and properly. Proceeds from all vehicle donations will go to the CTK Capital Campaign, unless you tell us otherwise. To get started, call 888-686-4483 and identify yourself as a CTK parishioner.

Filipino Fiesta! Everyone is invited to join in a fiesta celebration honoring the Infant Jesus and Our Blessed Mother on Saturday, May 27 at Christ the King Church. It begins with mass at 5 pm, followed by a procession into the gym where dinner will be served. Festivities will include raffle and prizes, entertainment and dancing. The celebration is sponsored by Our Lord of Pardon Family Prayer Group. For additional information, contact Ester at 698-1225 or Imelda at 623-7340.

Members of the parish and their friends are invited to our **Christ the King Italian Catholic Federation’s Third Annual Ladies Tea** to be held on Saturday, June 3 at the nearby St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church’s Celebration Center from noon to 3 pm. Join us for a delicious tea luncheon lovingly prepared by our fabulous tea chef, Carol Padlo. Reservations are limited so send them in now to reserve your spot! Cost is \$35 for adults and \$15 for children under 12 - proceeds support our ICF charities. Contact Diana for tickets and other information at 925-335-9712 or dijoed@comcast.net.

San Damiano retreat: **June 24: Art & Soul, A Workshop/Retreat on the Gifts and Ministry of Creative People.** Presented by **Al Garrotto**, participants will explore the divine source of their own gifts and inspirations and take away with them even greater joy in sharing them. RSVP at 925-837-9141.

Beautify your home and help the Diocese of Oakland at the same time! When you purchase Kelly Moore paint, a portion of your purchase will be gifted to the Oakland Diocese. Visit any of our stores and ask to use the Diocese of Oakland KM Club account # 605-DI4711 to take advantage of wholesale pricing. You will save and will help the Diocese to advance the mission of the Catholic Church in the East Bay. Thank you for your support.



Pray for Our Sick

Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under

your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again.

Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen.

*Una Ryan,
Ricardo Alfonso,
Sarah Punt*

Contra Costa Interfaith Housing: Interested in **helping run a summer day camp for one week?** CCIH is putting together summer programming for kids. The week long camps will have kids of all ages, many formerly homeless or very low income, without the resources to attend outside day camps. Volunteers organize small groups to host different “camps”, such as a dance camp; art camp; science camp. All camps are supervised by onsite CCIH staff. Email Gloria@ccinterfaithhousing.org if interested.

One of the rich spiritual practices of the Christian faith is a silent form of prayer called **Centering Prayer**. There are two local groups: Wednesdays at 7:30 pm which meets at Church of the Resurrection (399 Gregory Ln) and Thursdays at 10:00 am which meets at Christ the King Library. Are you being called to a deeper relationship with God through silent prayer? You are invited to visit one of these groups. Email Pat at pstevens6604@sbcglobal.net.

Taize Prayer Around the Cross will be tonight at Christ the King at 7:30 pm. Join us for a quiet, prayerful and refreshing service.

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**Congratulations to the
following who will be sealed
with the Holy Spirit
at Confirmation,
Sunday, May 28**

Rodrigo Angulo	Nicholas Jullien
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Shannon Bailey	Caitlin Marani
Adriana Baleto	Payton Martin
Justin Barton	Alexi Masarweh
Sarah Becker	Cailey McVay
Ysabella Blanch	Shannon McVay
Russell Buckley	Natalie Meyer
Willow Chimienti	Matthew Miles
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Bryce Farley	Aymon Rentuma
Andrew Federas	Anthony Rodriguez
Jack Feliciano	Andrew Santos
Danny Finnerty	Samantha Serrano
Cody Flitton	Evan Shimoniak
Ryan Gilbert	Grace Sherwood
Samantha Gingrich	Natalie Silvera
Grace Guichard	Jack Vernardi
Daniella Guieb	Kinnnon Vest
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